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Loyala students spend a day with elders from slums



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Loyola College celebrated a day with elders of neighbourhood slums to honour and recognise their role in the holistic development of its outreach students. About 700 elders from 43 Chennai city slums took part in the programme. Some of them shared their life experiences with students. The extension programme was aimed at encouraging students to make a commitment that they would work towards creating a better nation by helping the underprivileged in the community.

Actor Karthi, who was the chief guest, said that Loyola students were different and unique because of the service they did in the neighbourhood areas.

He further affirmed that a society would be successful only if it ensured the safety of children and the happiness of the elders. He also recalled the sacrifice of the elders that contribute to the success of youth.

Varalakshmi, a senior citizen from Jothima Nagar acknowledged the role played by Loyola College in their lives. She said they benefitted from the services rendered to them in terms of health care and tuition. Rector Jeyapathy Francis, Principal F. Andrew, and Outreach department director principal Louie Albert participated in the celebration. Department of Service Learning, Loyola College has been conducting the annual event, Elders Day since 2011 and more than 700 senior citizens participate every year.